



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Shady Acres Bed & Breakfast Hanover, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Shady Acres Bed & Breakfast

Shady Acres is a small country bed and breakfast waiting for you just off of Interstate 95 in Hanover, VA. Shady Acres Bed and Breakfast is open year round and offers the perfect romantic getaway for a birthday, anniversary or honeymoon as well as the ideal remote retreat for your vacation, business trip or overnight stop. Sleep Number beds in every room assure your bed is always "just right" for a deep, soothing sleep. Wake up to fresh-brewed coffee and a full family-style breakfast including free-range eggs from the resident chickens!

At Shady Acres we are always conscious to do our share to better the environment while maintaining the comfort of our guests and making their stay with us an enjoyable experience to remember.

Shady Acres enjoys bringing to our guests locally produced foods to promote Virginia products and producers. We provide farm to fork freshness whenever possible. We use our own free-range chicken eggs and produce from our own orchard, berry patches and garden to enhance our guest experience.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service

- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

Reduce solid waste

- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps/shampoos in guest rooms
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Use rain gauges and water meters and only irrigate when necessary
- Have installed rain barrels

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified office equipment (computers, monitors, copiers, printers, etc.)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used
- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles

Offer a green events package

- We do not host conferences or events



For more information on **Shady Acres Bed & Breakfast**, see www.shadyacresbedbreakfast.com or contact Gail Olberg at shadyacresbb@gmail.com or 804-994-5940.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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